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MEMORANDUM FOR: Coordination Staff

ATTENTION:

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SUBJECT: NIS Chapter IX

1. Your proposal for reorganizing and reapportioning the information included in NIS Chapter IX has considerable merit. Our examination indicates that it is workable and would effectively relate map coverage to the substance of each Section. Enclosures 1 and 2 outline our view on how the proposal might be implemented.

2. Some disadvantages in the scheme, outweighed in our view by the advantages, should be brought to your attention. First, the occasional user interested in maps or charts on more than one aspect of a problem would need to refer to the several Sections. Second, as a result of the individual scheduling of NIS Sections, country coverage of map and chart appraisals would not necessarily be complete or all of it currently valid. Third, there are some NIS Areas which have not been reached in the schedules; these areas accordingly would escape map and chart appraisal by the NIS for perhaps a very long time.

3. As I noted in discussing the Chapter IX with the Coordination Staff, we would favor a substantial modification in the NIS Program, and feel that your suggestion constitutes a step in this direction.

/s/

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Enclosures:

As stated above

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